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Dear Brethren

We are sorry to find from our Records that 3 years have elaps'd since your last letter was Rec'd — time enough to have changed very much the aspect of the great harvest field. We are at a loss for an apology — Whether to negligence or apathy to the Great Cause of Our Redeemer this long silence is to be ascribed we will not undertake to determine — Without formally giving sentence against ourselves we humbly acknowledge the fault to be ours — And promise hereafter to be more faithful — We greatly rejoice that though we have been strangely and shamefully delinquent God has been moving on gloriously in the accomplishment of his gracious purposes — The King of Glory has made new conquests — his word has been mighty to the pulling down of many strongholds — Thousands have renounced their allegiance to the figments of Idolatry And are now joyful and consistent Xns — Let us in view of the triumphs of the Gospel rejoice together — We who occupy watch towers on the walls of Zion so contiguous — let the inquiry frequently pass Watchman What of the night? What of the night? — And would not the tendency of such frequent inquiry be to fix our attention more fully upon the numerous indications of mercy which the roll of Providence is now developing — And to stir up our drooping graces and dying zeal to a degree corresponding more fully with the Elevated nature of the Missionary work as well as with the Exclusive Character of the Surrender which we have made of ourselves to ~~the~~ furtherance that work.?

While we indulge the hope that the Spirit of Missions has not altogether taken its flight we lament that it is suffering greatly in the General declension and coldness that prevails among us. Two of our brethren of the present Senior Class have devoted themselves to the foreign field. Some few are turning their attention to the wants of the West. Our brethren already in the foreign service with the Exception of Messrs Pohlman & Thomson, are permanently located on the Island of Borneo, with prospects ~~th~~ of usefulness highly favourable. We hope to hear from you soon.

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